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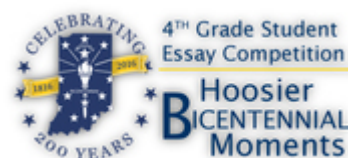
Indiana Library Jobs

9th Annual Vision Expo Saturday, September 27, 2014



The Indiana State Library is hosting its 9th-Annual Indiana Vision Expo on Saturday, September 27th, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. This year's Expo will feature motivational speaker Craig MacFarlane, "The World's Most Celebrated Blind Athlete" as the keynote speaker. The featured speakers this year are low vision specialists Dr. Richard Windsor and Dr. Laura Windsor of the Low Vision Centers of Indiana who will be giving a presentation on the latest advancements in the treatment of eye diseases. You can view the full schedule of events on the [Indiana Vision Expo website](#).

Entries Now Being Accepted for the 2014 Statehood Day Essay Contest



Entries are now being accepted for the popular [Statehood Day Essay Contest](#) for fourth graders. The theme of this year's contest is "Hoosier Bicentennial Moments" and asks students to write an essay reflective of the theme and convey clear thoughts.

The contest is open to any Indiana public, private or home-schooled fourth-grade student. Essays can range from 100 to 300 words, handwritten or typed, and all essays must be postmarked by October 24th, 2014 for



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Hamilton East Public Library

[Digital Media Specialist](#)

Hamilton East Public Library

[Professional Assistant-Technical Services](#)

Huntington City-Township Public Library

[Reference / Instruction Librarian](#)

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To see the complete list of current openings listed on the ISL [Continuing Education Jobs](#) page click [here](#).



Is Your Library Making News?

The Expo will also welcome visually-impaired artists from around the state who will be exhibiting their work. Additionally, a wide variety of vendors and non-profit agencies will be on hand providing the latest in adaptive technology, independent living aids, and other resources for Hoosiers with vision loss.

2014 Indianapolis VisionWalk Details

The Vision Expo will again be held in conjunction with the annual Foundation Fighting Blindness [Indianapolis VisionWalk](#), which will be held on the downtown canal adjoining the State Library prior to the start of the Vision Expo. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., and the Walk starts at 9:30 a.m. Visit the VisionWalk homepage for all the race details, or contact Lori Quinn at 1-847-689-0100, or at LQuinn@FightBlindness.org.

Team with Talking Books to Enhance Your Low Vision Services

Indiana libraries also have a way to bring Talking Books services to their local schools and communities by becoming an [institutional partner](#). Libraries with institutional accounts have free access to a rotating deposit collection of up to 60 large print titles to loan to their patrons, and a BARD account and NLS Digital Player. These tools enable libraries to introduce this free service to students and patrons with visual, physical, or learning disabilities that make it difficult to read standard print, as well as educate them on how to use associated assistive technologies like BARD and the digital player. This is also a great, cost-free way to augment your homebound services, even those in unserved areas, as all

consideration. The contest winner and finalists will be asked to read his/her essay at the Statehood Day Celebration on December 11, 2013. More contest information and complete guidelines can be found on the [contest webpage](#). You can also view the Statehood Day Essay Contest competition rules by clicking [here](#).

The winners, along with their class, will be honored at the Statehood Day Celebration at one of four participating locations on Thursday, December 11, 2014. Please visit <http://in.gov/idoa/2371.htm> for additional information regarding events planned for Statehood Day. If your group or school is interested in attending Statehood Day at the Indiana Statehouse, contact Jennifer Hodge in the Statehouse Tour Office at 317-233-5293 or jhodge@idoa.in.gov.

Register for the Connecting Your Patrons to Free Online Learning with GCFLearnFree.org webinar on 9-16-2014



Librarians are increasingly being called upon to provide digital literacy training for their communities. GCFLearnFree.org provides online computer, software and internet tutorials free of charge. Learn how to best teach these skills, or learn how patrons can utilize the tutorials that will allow them to work independently. The webinar will delve into some

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materials are shipped for free directly to patrons' homes.

Volunteer

The State Library relies on the help of volunteers throughout the year. If you are interested in volunteering for the Vision Expo, or other State Library programs and events, visit the State Library's [volunteer webpage](#).

Contact Information

Contact the Indiana Talking Book & Braille Library at 1-800-622-4970 or TBBL@library.in.gov for more information about their service or anything mentioned in this article.

Registration for the 2014 Small and Medium Size Libraries (SAMS) Conference is now open!

This year's SAMS Conference will be held at the Greensburg-Decatur County Contractual Library located at 1110 E. Main St. in Greensburg, IN. The pre-conference will be held on September 18, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kathleen Grover, Director of the IUPUI Office for Women will be presenting a program titled, Coaching: Skills for Leadership Success.

The SAMS Conference registration and breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. on September 19, 2014. The conference will include sessions on iPad apps for libraries, adult audiences, report building in Evergreen, Friends groups, book repair, staff wellness, and more. To view the SAMS conference brochure which contains the full agenda for both the pre-

of the topic areas covered via self-paced tutorials, as well as the online classes in Microsoft Office that provide online learners continuing education units (CEUs). The webinar will also share examples of how GCFLearnFree.org has provided libraries around the country with free educational content.

Please join Jessica Meadows, Curriculum Coordinator for a virtual tour of GCFLearnFree.org on September 16, 2014, from 2 - 3 p.m. The webinar will be eligible for 1 TLEU credit. Register for this free webinar by clicking [here](#).

Upcoming Workshops & Important Dates

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When: Now - August 31

[Genealogy for Night Owls](#)

When: August 20

Where: Indiana State Library

[CYPD Conference](#)

When: August 24 & 25

Where: Marriot East Indianapolis

[Copyright Conference](#)

When: September 12, 2014

Where: Indiana State Library

[SAMS Conference](#)

When: September 18 & 19

Where: Greensburg-Decatur PL

[Indiana Vision Expo](#)

When: September 27

Where: Indiana State Library

[Friends of Indiana Libraries \(FOIL\) Conference](#)

When: October 22, 2014

Where: Melton Public Library

[Genealogy & Local History Fair](#)

When: October 25, 2014

conference, and conference [click here](#).

To register for either the pre-conference or conference go to the SAMS online [registration page](#).

Basic information about the conference including the cost of the pre-conference, and conference can be found on the [SAMS conference page](#).

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Where: Indiana State Library

[ILF Annual Conference](#)

When: November 17-19

Where: Marriot East Indianapolis

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